

MERCURIUS URBANICUS.

OR,
Newes from L O N D O N and
W E S T M I N S T E R , and other
Parts.

From Tuesday, May 2. to Tuesday, May 9. 1648.

*The Citizens their Chaines advance,
To keepe king Thomas out ;
I hope they will provide some Ropes
To hang him, and his Rout.*

*King Cromwell into Wales is gone
To deale his angry blowes :
But valiant Poyer and his Boyes ,
Will cuffe his copper-nose.*

*The Essex-Lyons Rearing came ,
With such Majestick-power ;
They made the Senate stinke for feare,
They would their bones devoure.*

*The Rebell-States by juggling tricks
This Kingdom did undoe ;
And now at last will run away,
And cheat the Gallowes too.*

Non est mortale quod opto.

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BRITANNIA OR NEWS FROM LONDON AND WESTMINSTER, AND OTHER PARTS.

From Tuesday, May 2. to Tuesday, May 9. 1648.

The Committee of Council advised
 To keep King Thomas on
 I hope they will provide for
 To keep him, and his Son.

King Cromwell into Wales is gone
 To handle his army & others:
 But will not forget his horses.
 Will cuff his copper-nose.

The Essex-Boys & serving men
 With such a jestick-power;
 They made the Senate think for fear
 They would their bones remove.

The Noble-Sinner by using tricks
 This Kingdom did mislead;
 And now at last will run away
 And cheat the Gallows too.

Now all mortal men are dead.

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R Oome for another *Mercurie*, one of *Joves* own
 Messengers sent from his Royall Pallace *Olym-*
pus, with a Whip in his hand in stead of a *Ca-*
duceus, to jirke the *State-Rebells* at *West-*
minster, and brand them with their owne deserved
 infamy, which may appeare in delible Characters to all
 succeeding ages; I hope I neede no Apollogy to excuse
 my intrusion; for there can never bee too many Satyres
 (noe not if all the Furies in hell should come) to lash
 them for their most Pernicious & most Rebellious Actions.
 And if the rest of the *Mercuries* will admit me into their
 fraternity, to make up a Competent number, wee'll sit
 and vote Treason with as much confidence against the two
Houses; as they doe against their Lord and Sovereigne:
 But I think they have pretty well leftr that now, since they
 disgorg'd themselves of their late Declaration wherein they
 vented so many notorious false and abusive scandalls a-
 gainst his *Majesty*, as none but the Devill (the Father
 of Lyes) or the House of Commons could have invented,
 and with such impudence have published against so exco-
 lent and so gracious a Prince: But certainly that Decla-
 ration was forged in Hell; wherof all the Members are
 fire-brands; And shortly I hope will adjourne thither,
 where I wish they may bee a *Parliament* everlasting; but

if they abuse the Devill and his Imps, as they have his *Majesty* and the whole *Kingdome*; they will soone make him forsake his infernall Dominions, and leave them to reigne with as much Tyranny, over the damned there, as they have done over their Brethren and Fellow-Subjects here.

I doe admire the Common-Wealth will give nourishment any longer to these Gormandizing *Caterpillers* who have out of their hungry zeale almost devoured the whole *Kingdome*, so that wee may cry out with the *Prophet*; *The zeale of the Houses hath even eaten us up*; and yet their bottomles mawes are not half full, & the more to augment this distressed Kingdoms miseryes they have hatch't a Company of ravenous *Kites* to pick out the Kingdomes eyes; *London* hath had sufficient experience of the insolencye of these base Mechannicks; King *Copper-nose* and his Fellowes; what secret wayes and stratagems they continually invent and daily put in execution to inslave this honorable City.

*But ere their hopes shall take effect, I hope
To see their Roguships choaked in a Rope.*

What is the meaning (thinke you) of their approach so neere the City, their fortifying of the *Tower*, *White-Hall*, and other places about the City? why nothing but only to give the great tax-bearing *Cuckolds* now and then a visit, and catch 'em by the mony; or perhaps to intreat the *Hackney-Asses* that they may ride them one Journey more downe to the *Scotts*, to prevent *Jockeys* coming into *England* for all our goods.

But the Citizens have done very wisely of late, by the advice of their grand Coxcombe *Warner* and the Com-
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mon : Cuckolds of the City ; they have petitioned their Lords and Masters that there may bee a faire Correspondency kept betweene Knaves and Fooles and that they may have their Posts and Chaines set up again , and then as in duty bounden they shall pray &c. sure Alderman *Shit-breech* moulded up this Petition out of some of the Fragments which were left in his Worships breeches when hee made the learned speech in the house of Commons to have their Privies emptied ; for had there beene but one wise man amongst them , they would never have beg'd such Trifles ; and suffer the main strength of the City (the *Tower*) to bee under the Command of those who daily wait to be their destruction ; oh how sweet would a little of the Cities plunder bee , the Souldiers have a longing desire to taste ; pray if there bee any Courtesie among Cuckolds let them make one meale amongst you , (the *Parliament* has made many) perhaps they may bee so kind as to leave your worships some shooping hornes in requitall to pull on your night-Caps withall.

So ho *Oliver* ! whither away so fast ; pray stay a little , I thinke you are angry , you looke as if you were , you are very red about the Beake ; oh me ! valiant *Poyer* hath most lamentably basted *Flemming* and his Fellow Rebels in *Wales* , nay and hath sent most of them to the Devill too , where you youre selfe must bee er's long ; And that's the matter you are in such haste now ; you have a mind to taste some of the same sauce : never feare but you shall bee gallantly entertained by the valiant Collo-nell , hee hath one bit in powder for you too : come never make much adoe about your Artillery ; *Poyer* dares meet you in the field on equall termes , but that hee feares you carry so much fire in your face you will blow up his Magazine with your nose ; however carry it along with you , it may serve to light you in your way upon the Welsh-mountaines , but take heed you doe not set the

townes on fire with it as you passe thorow them : me thinks I heare what a Courteous farewell the Citizens gave you at your departure, they are glad you are got well out of the Towne, but they hope you will be hang'd ere you come in again : if there were any goodnesse in you, you would have taken black *Tom* with you too, it were better then to let him stay heere to be hang'd : for you have plaid the Devils so long that the whole Kingdome is weary of you, the earth groanes with the burden of such unmercifull Tyrants : but the Countreys are resolved they'll indure it no longer ; if you will not settle his *Majesty* in Honour and Safety, they will ; and if you will not ease them of their intollerable burdens, they will ease themselves : the *Effex* Lyons have an intent to devoure you, I see by their looks they have a good stomach to you ; they are resolved you shall Tyranize no longer.

Why how now Countreymen, what's the matter ? What ! Come to towne with a Petition ; Pray how come you to bee so sensible of your sufferings ? who whipt your eyes for you, that you begin to see how basely you have beene abused : I did thinke you would have beene perpetuall-slaves to those mercilesse Canniballs, and have suffered them to devoure you too, as they have done your estates long since : Foh ! how the Houses begin to stinke, I smell them already, Oh ! What a pickle are the poore fookes in ; Lord what a qualme comes over their stomachs, sure they have taken Phisick lately ; I feare they'l Purge so fast this Moneth of *May*, they must bee forced to adjourne againe shortly to have their Privies emptied once more ; What blustering weather is here in the Common-wealth this moneth ? Such stormes as I thinke neither *Lilly* nor *Booker* nor any of the rest of the State-Mountebanks were aware of : Sure the Parliament will not put to Sea in such tempestuous weather, but yet necessity hath no Law : They must trust the mercy of the Seas,

Seas, who have deserved none from their Prince :? But is there no honestie left amongst you, will you never leave Jugling? Now you have Cozened the whole Kingdome, will you cheate the Gallowes too at last? Pray stay and take your wages with you, 't were great injustice you should worke mischief seven yeeres together for nothing; and venture your necks too, and not weare the halter: If Charity bee growne so cold amongst the Citizens, that they will not bestow ropes upon you, I beleeve the Countrey will, if you dare stay to take them: But since you must needs pack up and bee gone, pray give mee leave to bid you and your Tribe Farewell.

*Goe cursed Rebels, with your ill-got store,
To some remote and unknown barren Shore, (be,
Where nought but rav'ning Wolves (like you) may
To beare the burden of your cruelty.*

*Let not the Sonne, to you, one cheerfull Ray
Afford; unlesse upon your hanging-Day;
Nor yet let Night, your cursed Actions, hide;
Untill they bee to all the World descry'd:
But let your horrid Treasons, Murthers, Rapes
And Perjuries, in most deformed Shapes,
Affright your guilty Soules, till all of you
Truly Repent; then Gallowes claim thy due.*

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So I now farewell and bee hang'd, since wee must part;
better heere then at the Gallowes : but good Master
Speaker, if it bee your fortune to bee hang'd first
for you deserved it long agoe, though you did never
use any honesty in your life, nor could ever afford
your Neighboures their just due ; yet pray use a lit-
tle at your death, and let the Devill have his ;
and so desire all the rest of your fellow Rebels to
doe.

*That when your Soules do fry in endlesse ; pain;
Wee may enjoy our Royall King again.*

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